Besides the above incident, there was one more incident of blowing up of 12 inch trunk oil pipeline of ONGC on 8-9-1998 in Sibsagar District reportedly by ULFA. ONGC had not suffered any loss of oil production in this incident since the pipeline was not in use for transportation of crude oil. However, ONGC spent Rupees Fifty one thousands approximately for repairing the damaged section of the pipeline.

(d) and (e) Onshore Security Coordination Committee, headed by Director General of Police, Assam, reviews the security arrangements periodically and takes necessary steps such as beefing up of security, deployment of additional manpower and round the clock patrolling of vital installations by ONGC, CISF and local police.

Petrol and LPG Distributorships to Families of Kargil Victims

110. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families in Maharashtra killed in Kargil war which have been allotted petrol and diesel pumps and LPG distributorships, so far, if so, the details of persons district-wise in the State;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to cover all such persons who have lost their lives in the war with Pakistan; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) The Government have formulated a Special Scheme to allot 500 LPG distributorship/RO dealership to the widows/dependents of the defence personnel killed in action. The allotments are made on the recommendations of the Ministry of Defence. Under the above mentioned scheme allotment of one LPG

distributorship and one RO dealership have been approved in favour of two widows of martyrs viz. Smt. Fullabai W/o Hav. Suresh G. Chavan and Smt. Sangita Balaji Male W/o L/NK M.B. Baburao of district Sangli and Latur respectively from the State of Maharashtra.

Resitement of Petrol Pumps

111. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government vide its letter No. P-19011/15/97-IOC dated 3.9.97 has formulated final new policy and allowed the Oil Corporation to take decision on their level regarding the resitement of Petrol Pumps if the new site is in the same trading area or if the new site falls in the same class of market in whole of the district;

(b) if so, whether the above said policy has been changed; and

(c) if so, what is the new policy and when it has been changed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Government delegated the powers of resitement of retail outlet/LPG distributorships subject to certain norms to oil marketing companies vide letter dated 3-9-1998.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.